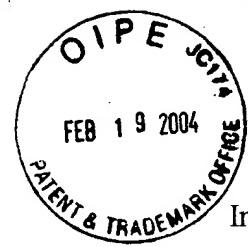


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121, dated February 11, 2004, Applicant submits herewith a copy of the amendments to the claims filed on January 9, 2004, which was in response to the outstanding Official Action dated October 22, 2003. Applicant submits herewith that the copy of the amendments to the claims now fully complies with 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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